AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This complete listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-60.   (Cancelled)

61.   (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium comprising executable instructions to:

receive a first document and a second document coded in a markup language;

parse the first and second documents to identify block elements in each document;

apply a rules-based, multi-scan ~~normalization~~ markup code reduction normalizer to the first and the second documents to create a normalized first document and a normalized second document maintaining the visual formatting of the first and second documents and having separate lines corresponding to the block elements in each document, the normalized first and second documents coded in the markup language;

wherein the markup code reduction normalizer scans for and removes any markup code head element, reference to scripts, intradocument link, and relative URL;

perform a line-by-line comparison between the normalized first and second documents to find differences; and

generate a comparison document coded in the markup language and preserving the visual formatting of one of the first and second documents to record the differences.

62.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 61, wherein the executable instructions to parse the first and second documents comprise executable instructions to detect and distinguish tags in the documents.

63.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 62, wherein the markup language comprises HTML and the tags comprise HTML tags.

64. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 63, wherein the block elements comprise text, embedded hypertext links and HTML character-formatting elements.

65. (Withdrawn) The computer readable storage medium of claim 64, wherein the block elements are delimited by HTML tags and carriage returns.

66. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 64, wherein the executable instructions to apply a rules-based, multi-scan markup code reduction normalizer ~~normalization~~ to the first and second documents comprise executable instructions to process the first and second documents character-by-character according to a set of rules.

67. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 66, wherein the rules preserve the visual formatting of the first and second documents.

68. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 67, wherein the executable instructions to apply a rules-based, multi-scan markup code reduction normalizer ~~normalization~~ to the first and second documents generate identical normalized first and second documents for visually equivalent first and second documents.

69. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 61, wherein the executable instructions to perform a line comparison comprise executable instructions to apply a typical line-by-line comparison to the normalized first and second documents.

70. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 61, wherein the comparison document comprises all of the original content from the first document that remained unchanged in the second document.